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THIS WEEK

CAMPUS

Regents update

The student body's proposal to name the Administration Building after President Dean Hubbard did not make it through the Board of Regents. It was defeated by a 4-3 vote Wednesday.

Regents Rita Hanks, Don Schneider and Doug Sutton voted in favor of the measure; Rachelle Brown, Lydia Hurst, Douglas Wyckoff and Board President Bill Loch were opposed. Regent Gary Panethiere abstained. See the full story at NwMissourinews.com.

Walking for a cause

Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Student Senate are sponsoring the Come Walk a Mile in Her Shoes walk. The walk is a campus wide philanthropy to help raise money for the Women's Battered Shelter in Maryville.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. March 20 in the Campus Activities Office. The entry fee is \$10. Lunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 31 and the walk will begin at 12 p.m. in front of the Union.

COMMUNITY

Candidates forum

Maryville Citizens for Community Action and the Maryville Chamber of Commerce will host a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. on March 31 at the Nodaway County Courthouse.

The Political Science Club will also host a forum at 4 p.m. at The Station.

City council and school board candidates will be on hand for both events as they prepare for April 7 municipal elections.

BEARCATS

Thursday

Men's and Women's Tennis vs. Midwestern State in Kansas City @ Rockhurst, 2 p.m. Softball @ Missouri Western, 3 p.m. Track @ Tulsa Duals in Tulsa, Okla.

Friday

Men's Tennis @ Drury, 9 p.m. Track @ Tulsa Duals in Tulsa, Okla.

Saturday

Softball vs. Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) @ Missouri Western Trn., 10 a.m. Women's Tennis @ Fort Hays, 10 a.m. Softball vs. Upper Iowa @ Missouri Western Tournament, noon. Baseball @ Washburn (doubleheader), 1 p.m.

Sunday

Softball vs. Quincy (Ill.) @ Missouri Western Trn., noon. Baseball @ Washburn (doubleheader), 1 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. East Central in Tulsa, Okla. (Oral Roberts) 2 p.m. Softball vs. Wayne State (Neb.) @ Missouri Western Trn., 4 p.m.

Monday

Women's Tennis @ Central Oklahoma, 2 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's and Women's Tennis @ Nebraska-Kearney

Wednesday

Women's Tennis vs. Nebraska-Omaha, 3 p.m.

SPOOFHOUNDS

Monday

JV/V Baseball vs. Nebraska City, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

JV/V Girls' Soccer vs. Savannah, 4 p.m.

JV/V Baseball vs. Savannah, 4:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY NEWS



MISSOURI GOV. JAY Nixon visited campus Monday for a tour of Northwest's Alternative Energy facility to get ideas on how to increase Missouri's potential for alternative fuels.

Nixon commends Northwest for energy use

By Kiley Swopes
Chief Reporter

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon visited the Northwest campus Monday to view the fuel production facility and tour the power plant for ideas to move Missouri forward in energy efficiency.

The students are actively involved in recycling to make a more energy-dependable world, Nixon said.

"I am very proud," Nixon said. "Maryville has not only taken animal waste but paper

waste to help provide electricity that fuels us."

Northwest senior Brian Biggs learned about the Alternative Energy Program his freshman year.

"I think it is great that we are able to take something that would end up in a landfill, make it useful, and save the state money at the same time," Biggs said.

The plant has boilers dating back to 1958, which opens up more options. The University's system can help transform Missouri's economy to

get better jobs in the future, Nixon said.

"We have a 25-year high-end of employment," Nixon said. "The economy is going to change if we compete in the future. The best way is through energy independence."

With the economy right now, finding a more affordable way to cut back on expenses will benefit future generations, Biggs said.

"I agree that creating new 'green jobs' is a great way to help cut costs and take the **See GOVERNOR on A5**

OUTREACH | 'VILLA TO 'VILLE



YOUTH IN NICARAGUA share their cultural identity gathering for colorful celebration. With 53 percent of the population under the age of 18, youth represent Nicaragua's future.

NURTURING NICARAGUA

Local resident settles into politically, economically torn nation to make a difference

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

"Your nose is broken."

Hearing this in English is painful enough.

"Tu nariz se rompio."

Hearing it in Spanish, during the second week of job training in a new town – in a country which happens to be the second poorest in the Western Hemisphere, can take pain to another threshold.

One of the first cultural connections Maryville native Andrea Tappmeyer made during her initial days as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua was between her nose and a two-by-four being carried upon a local's head.

"Quirky" is how she describes this day of playing street soccer with children which almost sent her away from her Peace Corps mission of serving America for the purpose of peace by working in a developing country.

Despite being medically evacuated to Panama for a month, Tappmeyer wasn't deterred. She had made a commitment to her new community, a nation where years of

political and economic disorder have hindered development, leaving more than half

the population unemployed or underemployed.



GIRLS IN TRADITIONAL dress pause during a song competition in Nicaragua. Nicaraguans enjoy lively music with indigenous, European and Spanish influences.

photo provided by andrea tappmeyer

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ST PATRICK'S DAY

Shortest parade lives up to tall expectations

By Elizabeth Sexton
Chief Reporter

Shimmers of green party beads sparkled in the sun like emeralds hidden among the abandoned plastic cups, which lined the short walkway from Fourth to Fifth Street.

By 5:27 p.m. only a handful of post parade tailgaters, including one man dressed in the head-to-toe leprechaun flair of striped black and white tights and an oversized top hat, remained on the previously packed sidewalks of Buchanan Street.

Those making their way

toward the rock music blaring from inside The Palms paid little attention to the trail of water, tinted to a shade of gray-asparagus, slowly creeping to the sewers below.

Ten minutes prior, at the military time of 17:17, on March 17, the Maryville asphalt stretching in front of the local hot spot had been the crowded center of attention during the 22nd Annual World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

At 87 feet exactly and about four minutes in duration, the parade is famous among celebrations honoring the legend of St. Patrick.

The parade, previously certified by the Guinness Book of World Records, gets shorter every year in order to maintain its record as the World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Wanting the record to be re-validated, Palm's owner Paul Thompson will use a video from the parade in attempts to lure back representatives from the record book who did not make attendance this year.

Despite the absence of judges, crowd goers from across America came to see the short spectacle for themselves.

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Speaker worried for Sudanese

By Greg Miller
Missourian Reporter

The message of hope is powerful, especially when given by a man who found freedom after so many hardships. John Bul Dau is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

He came to Northwest to speak about his story, and to serve as inspiration of hope to others.

"You can overcome anything," Dau said.

Dau said he was afraid what would happen to Sudan in 2011, when elections will be held, and citizens will vote whether southern Sudan should be independent from the North.



John Bul Dau

"My worry ... who is going to protect the right of people to vote" Dau said. "I'm asking other people to support the decision the southern Sudanese make."

Dau said he feared the northern part of Sudan may cause trouble if the south is not free to govern themselves.

He told students when

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HIGH SCHOOL

Team set for District Speech and Debate

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

They spend countless hours preparing after school, analyzing what their opponent might throw at them and what they'll do to react.

Their teammates and coach have helped them prepare for this trial.

Their nerves freeze and their mind races. The pressure is intense against the piercing glances of the crowd.

It might sound like an athletic event, but it's not. It is however, intense competition.

Several students from Maryville High School will represent their school when they compete in the Northwest MSHSAA District Speech and Debate Tournament Friday and Saturday in St. Joseph.

Speech and Debate is one of the extracurricular activity offered at MHS. And while members of the squad spend time after school to further sharpen their minds, the team also provides a social atmosphere that attracts a special kind of student, Trudy Kinman, MHS National Forensics League (NFL) Speech and Debate Team coach, said.

"I get the best and the brightest," Kinman said. "You kind of have a mix between people who like drama, theatre, acting and expressing and I call it right brain people. And you have a mix with left brain, very intelligent math and science kids who want to use their brain to debate."

The team participates in debates and events such as prose, poetry, oratory and duet acting among several others. They just finished up two weekends of action: the first consisting of NFL debates and the second featuring individual events.

For debates, an example of a topic might be "Is vigilanism justified when the government has failed?" At tournaments, either teams of two or individuals debate against four other teams or individuals, presenting a case for each side of the argument twice. Participants advance based on a judge's decision.

Public speaking might be a deathly fear for some, but senior Andrew Christian said he usually has bigger concerns when he debates.

"It's not really hard to get up in front of people so much, it's just the fact that you get up there and debate and you have to sway that

one judge who might have an opinion and you don't know what it is," Christian said. "It's really hard if you know that you won it and he voted the other way."

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NICK ALLEE smashes a pie into the face of teacher Cathy Hall at the celebration assembly for the Jump Rope for Heart event Tuesday at St. Gregory's. Allee was one of the top three performers, raising \$200 out of the total \$2,667.27 the school raised. The event was held in honor of the American Heart Association in order to raise awareness for heart disease.

UTILITIES

Maryville electric bills could rise by 13.6 percent

By Kenny Larabee
Community News Editor

Residents in western Missouri and eastern Kansas, including Maryville, could soon see a rise in their electric bills.

That's because Kansas City Power and Light (KCP&L) and its parent company — Great Plains Energy — has asked the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) to approve \$257.5 million in rate increases across five different service areas across the region.

It breaks down to a 13.6 percent increase totaling \$17.1 million for residents in the area around Maryville and St. Joseph formerly served by Aquila.

For the average customer, that amounts to roughly an extra \$10 a month in their electric bill, according to Chuck Caisley, KCP&L Senior Director of Public Affairs said.

KCP&L filed a request with the MPSC last September. The MPSC and its staff, which

includes auditors, engineers and economists, is in the process of reviewing the application, Lewis Mills, Public Counsel with the MPSC, said.

"The way rates are set is that the utility company basically gets to recover all of the prudent expenses that it incurs to provide service, plus a profit on the investments they've made into their facilities that are used to provide service," Mills said. "The disagreement over how much profit they should make on that investment almost always amounts to the biggest issue in any electric utility rate case. And I think it will be the same for this case."

Part of the review process includes holding public hearings, which ended last Thursday.

One thing was clear from those meetings, Mills said.

"We heard from a lot of people," Mills said. "Many of them understood that it may be necessary to have some small rate increase just to keep up with increased operating

costs, but almost uniformly everyone was just aghast at the notion of a 14 percent or 17 percent increase in these economic times."

There are two primary reasons the company is asking for the rate increase, Caisley said.

"There are really two drivers of our rate increase request. The first driver is federally mandated environmental upgrades which we are doing in advance of the required date to have them installed," Caisley said. "The second thing is just general increases in operations and expenses."

"The cost of doing business has escalated for us."

Depending on where a customer lives, KCP&L's rates are 25 to 30 percent lower than the national average, Caisley said.

The company is also working with customers to improve their energy efficiency and has asked the MPSC to approve a low-income pilot program to help with rising costs, he said.

Caisley attended the public hearings and said he was well aware of customer concerns, but ultimately the increase was needed to continue to provide customers with power.

"We don't ever relish having to ask for a rate increase," Caisley said. "And yet this is money that we have spent and invested in environmental upgrades mandated by the federal government. While we don't like asking for it, we understand there's a lot of pain. It's something that we have to do in order to provide service."

A five-member panel with the MPSC will ultimately decide what rate increase, if any, the commission will pass, Mills said. Those hearings are scheduled for May 11-15 in Jefferson City.

Although the public hearings have ended, residents in the area affected by the rate increase can still offer feedback through writing, at the commission's Web site at psc.mo.gov or by phone at 1-866-922-2959.

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OUR VIEW

Bond proposal would improve campus quality

There is really nothing wrong with having more students on campus; they bring new revenue to the University, which is especially important in these troubling economic times.

In fact, this year, if Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon's plan to freeze Northwest's 2009 state funding at 2008 levels goes ahead as planned, students alone would be providing any of the institution's new revenue.

The problem with a major

enrollment increase here is, of course, its effect on a campus that's not really built for one. With Northwest locked into, and so far achieving, a five-year plan to increase enrollment by 20 percent, the need for more space is becoming urgent.

Plans are in the works for the construction of both a new residence hall and new academic building. However, the latter of the two projects needs funding to get off the ground — funding that can only come

from the state of Missouri.

The good news is that the money is there. Lawmakers are currently reviewing a plan to issue \$700 million in bonds to complete priority construction projects on college and university campuses around the state. Northwest's \$19.6 million academic building is one of those.

But if the measure passes the General Assembly, it will be up to Missourians to vote it into reality. Whether it comes up in the 2010 election or a

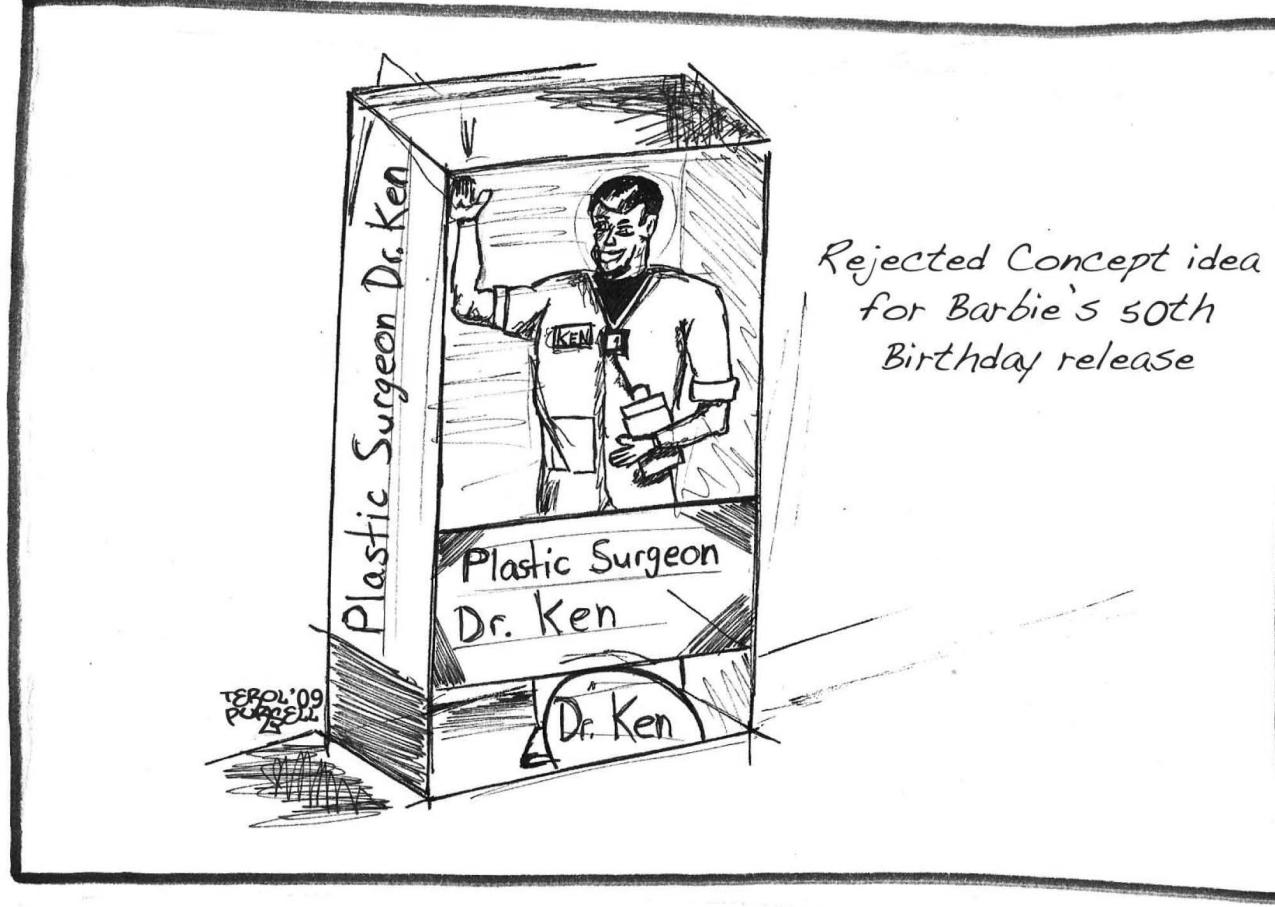
specially designated one this year, we will be asked to either throw our support behind the expansion of higher education, or leave it to fender for itself.

The Northwest Missourian supports the first option. This recession won't last forever — though some days it might seem so — and society must be able to produce a high-quality workforce when it does end. That's where colleges and universities come in; they are the parties responsible for stimulating the minds and building

the skills of the post-recession generation.

So keep this proposal in mind as it works its way through Jefferson City, and if it lands on the ballot, remember this: for Northwest, more academic space can help play a big part in offsetting this enrollment increase. More seats for students and more office space for faculty means, quite simply, a higher quality learning environment.

And there is really nothing wrong with that, either.



MY VIEW

Obama could learn a thing or two about international gifts

In the course of rigorous scrutiny and discussion regarding the new administration's leadership and policy, there have been and will be countless opportunities to apply insightful adjectives to our glorious leader; some positive, some negative. I never thought "tacky" would be one of them.

There occurred in American foreign policy two gift faux pas in one day — bungled gifts to the Russians and the British.

The administration demonstrated what the minority of Americans already knew: they're amateurs. British Prime Minister Brown praised America in his Joint Address to Congress describing us as an "inspiration" and admiring the partnership between the UK and the U.S. as "unbreakable," declaring that "no power on Earth can ever draw [them] apart."

Brown and Obama exchanged gifts last week as a testament to tradition when a new U.S. Administration takes over. Brown provided Obama



Natalie Bell
Contributing Columnist

returned the bust of Churchill, which was given to the Bush Administration post Sept. 11.

What of the rhetoric about improving how the world views America during his campaign? A DVD set is what you would give your family or friends, not a G8 leader. But maybe it shouldn't have been unexpected. As a former "community organizer," Obama has sufficiently demonstrated that he knows nothing about the basics of foreign policy and relations.

On the other hand, Obama has been speaking out against "frivolous spending" for months now. Perhaps the point was to give the prime minister a gift representing some of the best America has to offer entertainment-wise instead of an overpriced trinket in the midst of an economic crisis.

But what of Hillary Clinton's blunder? The secretary of state visited with Foreign

Minister of Russia, Sergei Lavrov, as a gesture designed to reconstruct relations between the two countries that had, in recent years, grown somewhat testy. What was suppose to be a play on Biden's remark that it is "time to press the reset button on Russian-American relations," the gift Clinton presented was embarrassing.

Clinton presented the Lavrov with a box with a button on it and a sign that read "reset" in Russian, or at least that's what the Americans thought it said. Instead they used the word that means "overcharge."

One should question if these diplomats are a bit out of their league. They've demonstrated their inexperience by assuming that the U.S.-Russian interests will change overnight with the simple push of a button.

It makes you wonder what other interesting bloopers we'll enjoy during the next four years. The only thing is, somebody will have to come up with another euphemism similar to that of a "Bushism."

Knowledge is power, and the American society is lacking in this field with an extremely outdated system that leaves us in the dust compared to other industrial countries, and fails to meet the needs of a society that depends so heavily on our increasing globalization.

It is so hard to reverse the effects of a great number of students falling through the cracks, allowed by the students themselves, parents of the students and the administrators of the institutions. Responsibility and accountability fails to be a factor in all three groupings.

Students blame teachers for bad grades, and parents bristle at anything pointing at a less than perfect child. Administrators and teachers either don't have the resources to do much of what is needed, or just don't take the time. Our system is faced with the main objective of pushing as many students through as possible.

The quality of the education received isn't even a main factor. And this occurs at all levels, starting at early childhood and continues through higher education.

Critical thinking? There is no such thing in our classrooms. Learning is based not on independent thought, but on regurgitation of material. This is an excellent environment to an overly controlling government which makes empty drones out of its citizens. But to the people, this is the most dangerous thing. This lack of enabling and encouraging our students to think for themselves, to formulate their own ideas and opinions, or to build upon former ideas is a pretty good way at allowing the rise of corruption in government and the society a government is built upon.

So what is to be done to secure the future of our democratic country?

There needs to be responsibility and accountability in all levels of the system, in all members of the system, starting with students and parents, teachers, and the administrators themselves.

There is no reason for our students to be falling through the cracks. There is no reason for increasingly uneducated generations that are receiving more years of education than previous generations. There is no reason why knowledge itself should be put on the back burner as it is today.

There is nothing more dangerous to a society than a failing education system. And our education system is failing the youth it serves, and it's failing fast.

CAMPUS TALK

Should Northwest become 100 percent smoke-free?



I think that a smoke-free environment would give the school a positive image for future students.



I think that Northwest would be a better college for going smoke-free. It's a little strange that a campus known for trees isn't smoke-free, so I am all for it.



I think this would be great for people like me that do not like smoke.



I think it's a bad idea because people should be able to smoke if they want to and I don't think the school should have the right to take that choice away.



I think that this is a great idea. It would be nice to be able to walk into building without walking through the smoke.

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OPINION

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MY VIEW

Education system needs help, and fast

Once again, President Obama stands by his vow of change with the new reform initiative of the education system, a system that is flawed and failing the American people.

Education is one of the most important factors in society at large. Our attitudes and actions are guided by the quality of education received, which in turn greatly affects the quality of life we lead, be that monetarily, intellectually, or socially.

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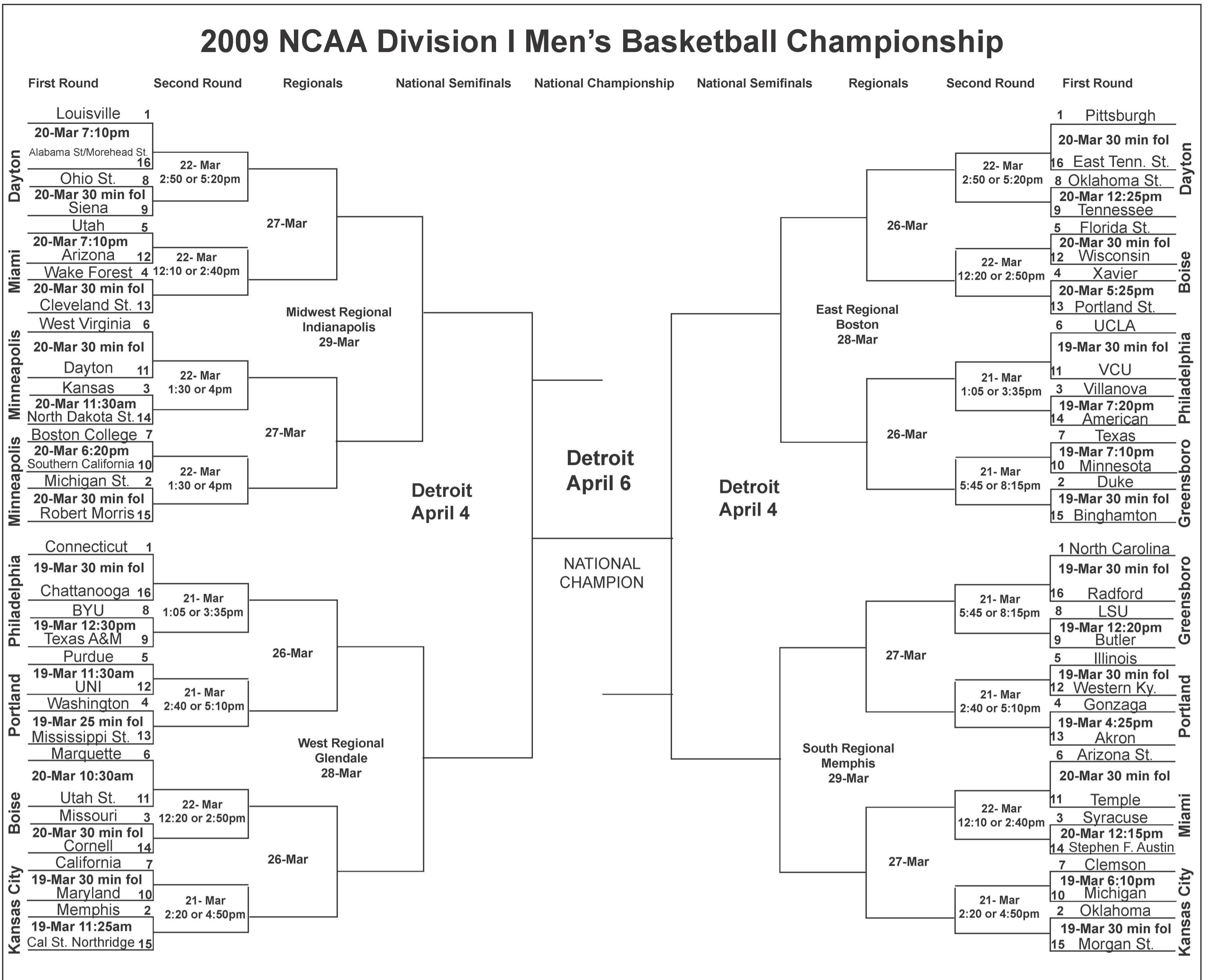
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Top 3 picks

By Marshall Carlson
 Entertainment Reporter

New album released – Former Primus bassist and lead vocalist Les Claypool released his new all-original album on Tuesday entitled "Of Fungi and Foe." Claypool has been reshaping the music industry since the mid '80s with his signature eccentric sound and bizarre attitude during his live shows. "Of Fungi and Foe" marks his latest release since 2006's "Of Whales and Woe," where Claypool played a multitude of instruments not typical in modern rock. The 12-track album is sure to include the many talents of Claypool, featuring his mastery of the bass guitar.

New DVD released – The ever popular book turned movie "Twilight" will be released to DVD this Saturday. The movie is based on the best-selling romance novel by Stephenie Meyer. When Bella Swan's mother decides to remarry, Swan decides to go live with her father in Washington. It is here that she falls in love with Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson, "Harry Potter"). Cullen seems to be absolutely perfect in every way, except he's a vampire. He is still attracted to the scent of Swan, and must resist his thirst. Cullen must fight against this for the sake of love.

New movie hitting theaters – Coming to theaters tomorrow is "Knowing." The thriller stars Nicholas Cage ("National Treasure") as Professor John Koestler. At a dedication ceremony for a new elementary school in 1958, students placed pictures they had drawn in a time capsule. One girl decided to fill her paper with random numbers instead. Fifty years later when the capsule is uncovered, this numbered paper winds up in the hands of Caleb Koestler (Chandler Canterbury, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"), whose father, Prof. Koestler, examines it. Koestler finds that these numbers actually tell when and where each disaster has taken place over the last 50 years, plus an additional three more still to come.

STROLLER

Your Man demands order

I really think that people no longer know what a crosswalk is or how to use one.

On a daily basis, I see hundreds of pedestrians crossing the street wherever they feel like, instead of using crosswalks. I know it sounds petty to complain about, but seriously, it's not a parade.

I am sick and tired of people walking all over the place. Around nine in the morning it never fails, droves of people flooding the streets. It takes longer to drive through campus than it does for me to shower.

This could easily be avoided if people stayed on the path. They made the crosswalks and put in fancy new stop signs for a reason.

Think if we all took the most inconvenient route with our cars. You would see me parked at the front door of Wells Hall every day. The agriculture students would probably be out mudding on the bell tower lawn in their pickups.

Hey, this could actually fix the parking problem. Nobody wants to see grass anyways. It could all be one giant street/parking lot. I'm a genius!

What I am getting at is that this would result in total chaos. And that is exactly the situation we have, countless people mindlessly wandering in the middle of the street. There is no rhyme or reason to the madness.

The iPod doesn't help. You aren't able to hear anything that is about to hit you. And I'm pretty sure that the "if you get hit, you get school paid for" thing is a myth. You would obviously get



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insurance money, but I doubt the University actually waives tuition. It just sounds silly to me.

So students walk wherever they please, with total disregard to an unwritten rule. That rule is to keep things flowing. Campus should get "walk" and "don't walk" signs. Drivers and walkers would finally be equal.

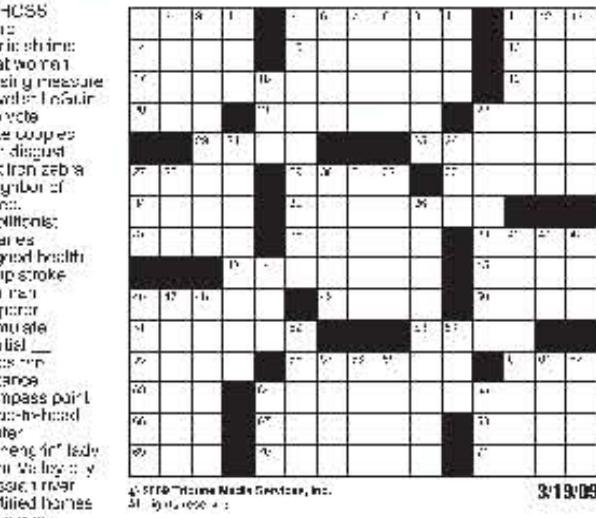
Too bad that will never happen. Some things never change.

Call me lazy for driving instead of walking. Call me rude for complaining. But from now on, you are all fair game. If you aren't in a crosswalk, I will hit you. Learn the rules.

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“There’s always going to be people that get into huge debt, but most people have finally reached that place where they concentrate on paying things off.”
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MONEY, BILLS AND credit cards sometimes cause unwanted stress among college students. There are simple steps to follow to avoid these problems in a time of a bad economy.

STUDENT STIMULUS

Experts help college students avoid credit trouble

By Sydney Moore and Brian Johnson
Features Editor and Entertainment Reporter

Money is one of the enemies some college students face when they move away from the comfort of living at home. The worry of budgeting crosses the minds of students, especially those who live off campus. With the stress of groceries, bills and luxuries, expenses rack up and some students are left in a bind to figure out how to get by.

However, money crunches don't have to be a worry if you follow advice from the experts.

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ager of U.S. Bank on S. Main and Dr. Mike Wilson, Associate Professor of Finance, offer helpful tips to building and keeping good credit, plus how to get out

"The number one thing to do is make a budget," Parker said. "Also never borrow more than you can't afford at the end of the month."

Parker believes that in this bad economy, more people are actually making smart credit and spending decisions. She also thinks that people getting into

"There's always going to be people that get into huge debt,"

have finally reached that place where they concentrate on paying things off."

When people are faced with debt, Parker believes it's not shameful to ask for help.

"Look into credit counseling at a local banker or a professional credit counselor," Parker said. "Budgeting is a skill that many

Parker and Wilson both believe that people should rely on banks rather than outside parties.

Don't use places like Payday Loans, they're unregulated," Wilson said. "Their game is to get repeat business, and they

because they are charging you \$15 for every \$100."

"Get a credit card with the bank you're doing business with," Parker said. "Also be sure you get one with a low limit." The bottom line is to not dig

yourself into too big of a hole. Parker and Wilson think the best way to keep yourself out of that hole is to avoid unnecessary expenses.

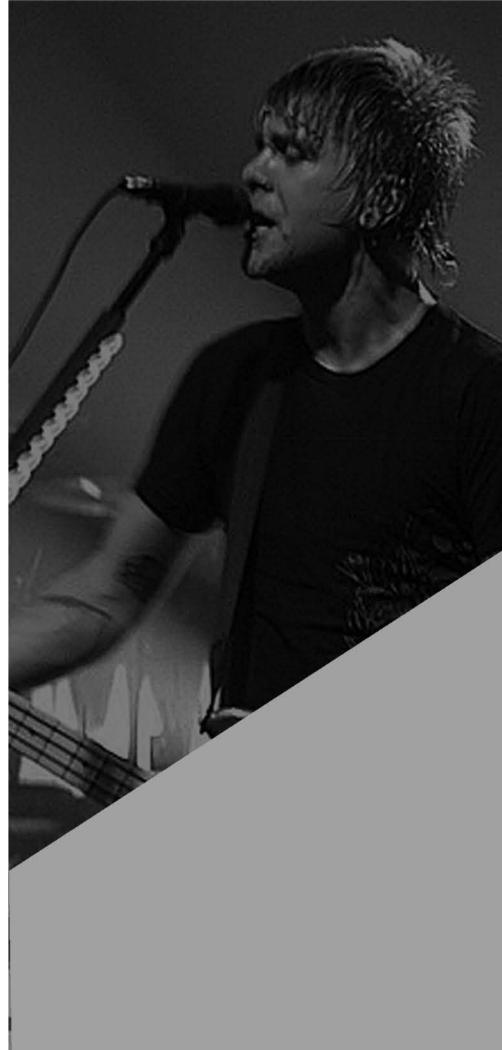
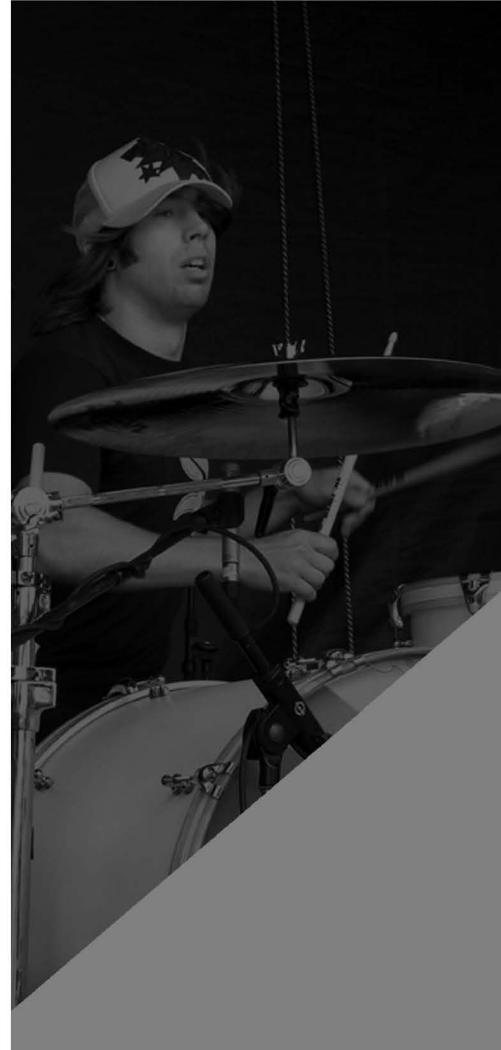
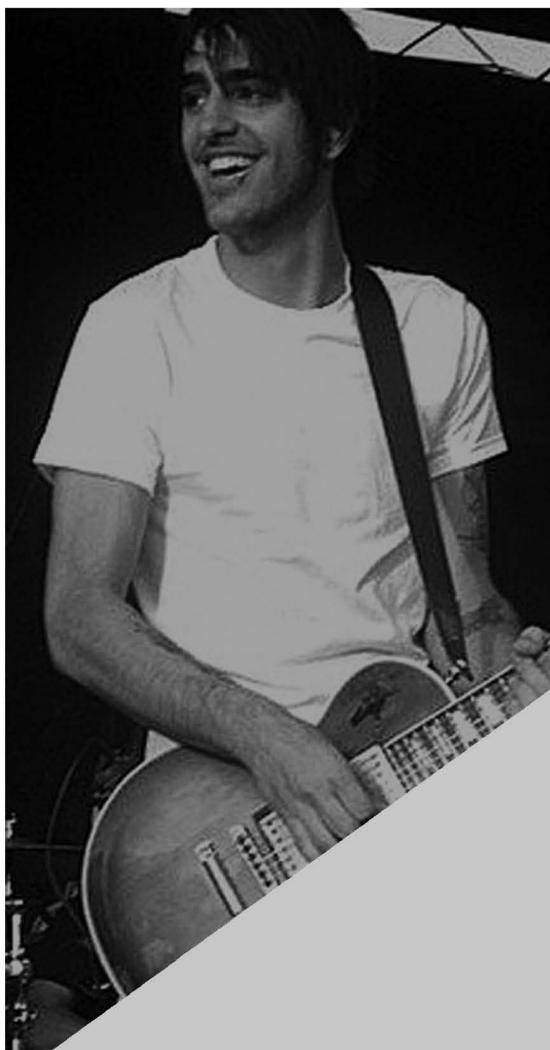
"Pay off the credit card with the highest interest rate first, and pay the monthly minimum on the others," Wilson said. "The best investment you can make is to pay off debt you already have, instead of investing in



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THE EXTRA POINT

Disabled golfer sheds some light on how we live our life

We all have those people who send us those forwarded junk e-mails that we really don't care about.

Well for me, that's my grandma. Most of the time she sends me dumb e-mails of things like Barack Obama Photoshopped into Dancing with the Stars or of course, my daily Nebraska football updates. Every now and then though, she'll send me something great, which was the case yesterday when I opened my e-mail and learned the story of DJ Gregory.

His story makes me want to work harder and never give up in anything I do. DJ was born with cerebral palsy and entangled legs. Doctors told his parents he would never walk. By the time he was in first grade, he had already endured five surgeries on his legs. Over time, through dedication and physical therapy, DJ could walk with the help of a cane.

As a boy growing up, he loved sports, but could never participate because of a huge limp he had and the cane that makes walking a possibility for DJ. He fell in love with the only sport that gave him a chance. He began golfing when he was nine years old. DJ developed his own swing, balancing his body with his cane in one hand and swinging the club using his other hand. He struggles around the course shooting scores from 105 to 115, but his high score don't deter him from the

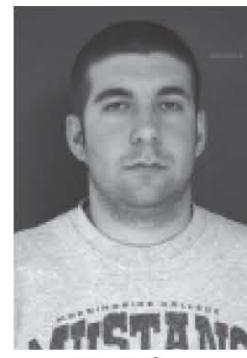
game he loves.

Along with playing the game, his love for following the PGA grew as well. DJ's dad took him to his first tournament in Greensboro, N.C. in 1990. It was there that CBS sports commentator Ken Venturi brought him up to the announcers' booth to talk on his show. Venturi introduced DJ to his col-

league Jim Nantz and the two instantly bonded. Nantz continued to have DJ join him in the announcers' booth at golf events over the next years.

Nantz encouraged DJ to conquer another goal that seemed out of reach. DJ followed his advice and received a master's degree in sports management from Springfield College in Massachusetts. One thing stayed constant in DJ's life, golf. From golf, DJ thought up a dream. A dream that seemed impossible for a man who had trouble walking. His goal was to walk every hole of every round of every golf tournament in a year. Venturi tried explaining to DJ that not even a golfer will walk in every tournament in a complete year, but that didn't stop him.

With the help of Nantz and the PGA, his dream came true and during his quest, he decided to follow a different golfer every week, inter-



Brian Bosiljevac
University Sports Editor

viewing him for a blog he created.

Due to the cerebral palsy DJ suffered from overlapped toes applying tremendous force to his feet when he walked. For DJ to accomplish his goal, he would be walking in 44 tournaments, 180 rounds of golf, three thousand 256 holes, and over 900 miles within 45 weeks.

During the course of DJ's unfathomable journey, he fell and fell often, more than 24 times.

"If I fall, I fall," DJ said in an interview with ESPN. "It's just another challenge. I'm going to fall it's just the way it is. I'm going to do it. So, you know, you get back up and learn from your mistakes and you don't do it again."

As the golfing calendar began to move forward, so did DJ and the level of support he gained, especially from the golfers he was following. It started as curiosity and over time grew into admiration for DJ. PGA golfer Kenny Perry was the first to request that DJ follow him during a round. Perry felt what DJ was doing was amazing and wanted a chance to meet the kid who could have given up years ago, but kept struggling through life, reaching any goals he wished to. Perry credits DJ for changing his perspective

not only on his golf game, but on his life.

"How can you see a kid struggle around the golf course and then you're out there complaining, playing golf," Perry said on an ESPN interview.

DJ described a challenge as something that possibly no one thinks you can do, but in your own mind you know you can do it.

I know I will probably never face the same challenges DJ has seen and I am thankful for that, but at the same time I wonder how I would handle the amount of adversity he has seen. It would be so easy to just give up and let your life waste away, while people around you pitied your inconvenience. Or would I, like DJ, put my obstacles out of sight and let determination be my guide to achieving the goals that no one would think are possible?

After watching DJ's story, I began to think of how many times a day I complain about my "stressful" life. I don't have near the stress, that DJ faces everyday and yet he has found a way to do things many people only dream of. I think it's stories like these that are used as wake up calls to the people like me, privileged people who don't realize all they have in life. These kind of stories need to not only make us thankful for what we have, but light a fire under us to work harder and achieve greater things because of the advantages we are given.

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Woody's picks

Prediction record (15-20)

NCAA First Round Lock

Purdue vs N. Iowa — Purdue

A lot of experts think a 12 seed will upset a five seed, but this pick is safe. The MVC champ doesn't have enough in them to take down the Boilermakers.

NCAA First Round Upset

Cornell vs Mizzou — Cornell

I have been picking Ivy league games all year and everyone has cried about it. It's tough to pick against my Tigers, but I need this upset to prove to everyone that the Ivy League is a legitimate conference.

NBA Lock

Golden State at Lakers — Lakers

The Los Angeles Lakers are one of the best, if not the best team in the NBA. I'm not a huge Kobe fan, but you can't deny he hits some unbelievable shots. He can just flat out play and the Warriors can't.

NBA Upset

Lakers at Chicago — Bulls

This game I'm hoping will be decided by who has the most passion. The Lakers don't really have any worries headed into post-season, but the bulls are fighting for that eighth spot.

Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

Prediction record (15-20)

NCAA First Round Lock

Florida St. vs Wisconsin — FSU

A lot of people don't think my 'Noles will last long in the tourney. But they have been underrated all year and it hasn't stopped them yet.

NCAA First Round Upset

W. Kentucky vs Illini — Kent.

The Hilltoppers made the upset as a 12 seed last year and I think they will do it again. Illinois hasn't had a horrible season, but they certainly aren't great and are vulnerable for the upset. Plus, how could you pick against a team named the Hilltoppers?

NBA Lock

Lakers at Chicago — Lakers

The Bulls pulled the St. Patty's Day upset in Boston. I don't think Kobe and the Lakers are going to make the same mistake, but they better watch out; the Bulls are starting to catch fire.

NBA Upset

Knicks at Orlando — Knicks

New York has appeared to wake up and play basketball. Somehow they have found an opportunity to slide into the playoffs. So every game is important to the Knicks.

Jason's picks

Prediction record (15-21)

NCAA First Round Lock

KU vs North Dakota St ate — KU

I have to pick really safe now since I'm falling more and more each week. I know KU has lost to a 14 seed before, but I'm hoping Bill Self has them prepared for this stage of the season. Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

NCAA First Round Upset

California vs Maryland — Terps

Grevis Vasquez will lead a young Maryland team against a great shooting, guard-heavy Cal team. Vasquez will have to play like he did in upsets of Duke and UNC for Maryland to go anywhere in the tournament.

NBA Lock

Atlanta at Cleveland — Cavs

The LeBrons, I mean Cavaliers, are making that final push to try and lock up the one seed in the East, and a win over another playoff team will bode well for them.

NBA Upset

Denver at Phoenix — Suns

Phoenix's offense is scorching and Denver has already secured a playoff spot. The Suns have to win out and hope Dallas loses to get in. They just need this one more.

Dustin's picks

Prediction record (22-13)

NCAA First Round Lock

Mizzou vs Cornell — Mizzou

It's the No. 14 seed playing the best No. 3 seed in the tournament - the Tigers will roll over the Big Red. I picked Mizzou to make it to the Final Four in the west region, so of course I have to pick this game as my lock.

NCAA First Round Upset

WVU vs Dayton — Dayton

One of my good high school buddies goes to Dayton so I've heard my fair share about Flyers' basketball. Chris Wright and Marcus Johnson are two amazing weapons the Flyers have in their arsenal.

NBA Lock

New York at Orlando — Orlando

I grew up being a huge Magic fan with Shaq and Penny Hardaway and now the one two punch is back in Orlando with Dwight Howard and Jameer Nelson. Plus I'm excited to see 5'9" Nate Robinson go up against Howard again.

NBA Upset

OKC at Minn — OKC

Anytime the Thunder wins it's an upset. They just knocked off the spurs so the Wolves should be no problem.

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MIAA STANDINGS

BASEBALL	MIAA	OVERALL		
Team	W	L	W	L
Emporia State (5)	9	1	18	4
Central Missouri (16)	7	3	12	4
UNO	5	3	15	8
Missouri Southern	6	4	13	10
Southwest Baptist	5	5	7	12
Pittsburg State	3	3	6	13
Fort Hays	5	7	13	13
NORTHWEST	4	6	9	10
Washburn	2	4	8	8
Missouri Western	3	7	10	12
Truman	3	9	4	18

SOFTBALL	MIAA	OVERALL		
Team	W	L	W	L
UNO	0	0	14	3
Missouri Western	0	0	17	4
Emporia State (25)	0	0	15	8
Pittsburg State	0	0	15	10
Central Missouri (19)	0	0	9	7
Fort Hays	0	0	14	7
Washburn	0	0	12	17
Southwest Baptist	0	0	9	15
Truman	0	0	6	11
NORTHWEST	0	0	8	16
Missouri Southern	0	0	7	16

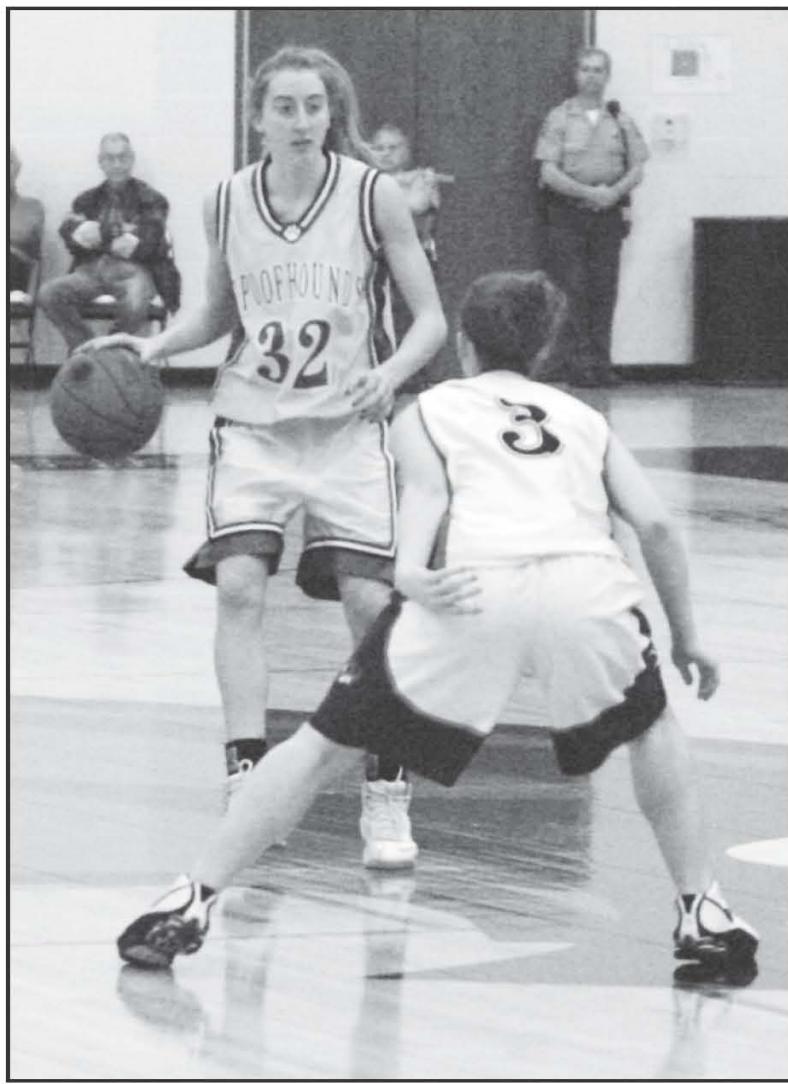
MENS TENNIS	MIAA	OVERALL		
Team	W	L	W	L
NWMSU (26)	1	0	4	0
Baptist (22)	1	1	3	4
Truman	0	0	3	0
Emporia State	0	0	3	1
Washburn (34)	0	0	1	2
UNO	0	1	4	4

MENS TENNIS	MIAA	OVERALL		
Team	W	L	W	L
UNO	2	0	5	4
Emporia State	1	0	4	0
Northwest	1	0	2	0
Southwest Baptist	1	1	3	2
Truman	0	0	7	0
Washburn	0	0	2	1
Missouri Western	0	1	3	1
Fort Hays	0	1	3	5
Missouri Southern	0	2	1	4

SOFTBALL BATTING LEADERS

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL



By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

One shot made all the difference in Maryville's 56-54 double-overtime loss to defending state champion Skyline in the quarterfinals on Saturday at Staley High School in Kansas City, Mo.

"I thought we had them there at the end," head coach Grant Hageman said. "It was a great game and a lot of fun. It's just one of those games where nobody deserves to lose and whoever ends up with the ball last is usually going to be the victor."

With just seconds remaining in the initial overtime, Skyline's Deidre Parks hit a 16-foot jumper to send the game to a second overtime.

The Spoofhounds couldn't recover like they had been doing all game. They needed just one more bounce to go their way and they would have been going to Columbia, Hageman said.

"If the ball bounces our way one more time then we're probably there," Hageman said. "We would probably be feeling a lot differently

than we do right now."

The 'Hounds got only seven points in the first quarter and fell behind 14-7 heading into the second quarter.

Maryville fought back and tied the game at halftime after Shannon McClellan ripped a rebound away from a Skyline player and hit a lay-up as time expired.

Megan Walker gave the Spoofhounds their first lead of the game after she was fouled on a lay-up at the beginning of the third quarter. She hit the free throw to put the 'Hounds up 25-24. Five ties and eight lead changes would occur in the remaining quarter and overtime periods.

Maryville went into the fourth quarter trailing by four, but Meridee Scott hit all eight of her free-throw attempts, including two that knotted it up at 41, to send the game into an extra period.

"That's Meridee," Hageman said. "She's one of our best free throw shooters, and one of the best I've ever coached. We like the ball in her hands because if you come and foul her she's going

to make you pay for it. She made some big plays down the stretch."

The Spoofhounds were ahead by two with less than eight seconds left when Parks hit the shot that tied the game at 49 and sent it into the second overtime.

"We really put ourselves in a position to win the ball game," Hageman said. "They had to come out and make a play and one of their best players came out and hit a shot. She made a play when she had to because they were down to their final shot."

The girls hung in throughout the second overtime and cut the lead to one with 13 seconds left, but they were forced to foul after their attempt at a steal failed.

Skyline hit one of two free throws, keeping the Spoofhounds' hopes alive. In the waning seconds, the 'Hounds couldn't get a good look and time ran out on the game and their season.

The 'Hounds finished the year with a 20-8 record, but none of the losses hurt as much as this one, Hageman said.

"It hurts because we set a pretty lofty goal at the beginning of the year to make it to Columbia," Hageman said. "There's a lot of teams that don't even set goals like that because it makes it hurt that much more, but I wouldn't go back and change that goal so it doesn't hurt so much right now. There's a lot to be proud of. These girls worked hard to get to Columbia this year and they deserve to go there."

Scott led the Spoofhounds with 15 points. Walker added 12 points in the loss. Maci Wisdom led Skyline with a game-high 28 points.

It's too early to start looking forward to next year, Hageman said, but he did say that the goal of getting to Columbia would be in place once again.

"They've had a great year," Hageman said. "They have nothing to be ashamed of to play a game like that against a great team. I'm proud of all the girls."

Maryville returns 12 of 15 girls next season that saw varsity playing time this year.

Meridee Scott moves the ball up the court in their quarterfinal matchup with defending state champions Skyline. Scott led the Spoofhounds with 15 points in a 56-54 double-overtime loss.

BOYS' GOLF

'Hounds hope to become more competitive, 13 new golfers double team's roster from last year

By Dustin Sander
Community Sports Editor

The Maryville boys' golf team looks for success with inflated numbers from last year.

The Spoofhounds have 20 boys on the team this year. Last season they only had half that amount on the course.

Maryville has several freshmen on the course and sopho-

mores that decided to come out in their second year, head coach Brenda Ricks said.

"Kids are more excited for golf this year," Ricks said.

The Hounds have 13 new faces this season ranging from freshmen to juniors.

"We've got some with experience and there's going to be some diamonds in the rough that we just don't know anything about," Ricks said. "I hon-

estly don't know what I have; without being able to get on the range and with 20 boys."

The 'Hounds will also have three varsity returners who are all sophomores, including state qualifier Tanner Reames who placed 90th out of 120 golfers.

"Freshman year I was nervous but now I know some of the other guys from the other schools," Reames said. "It's easy to get along and a lot more

of a relaxed atmosphere once you know what you're doing."

All three returning sophomores; Reames, Trevor Shell and Matt Downing see this season as being much more relaxed.

"It gives us a lot more experience, we know what to expect in competitions and know how to handle pressure," Shell said.

Tuesday was the team's first chance to get on the driving

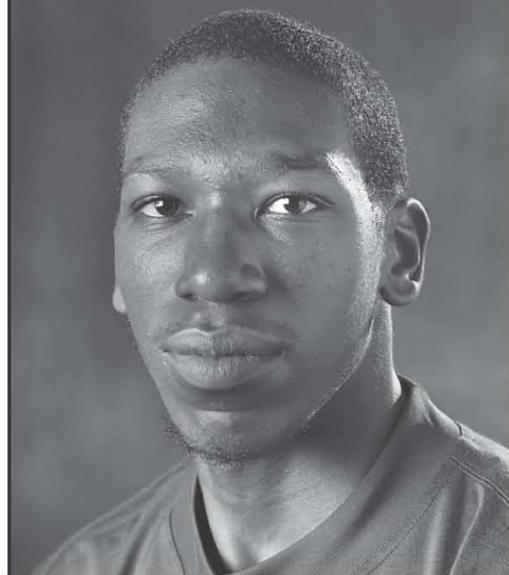
range, but they have been playing on the course the last two weeks. When they haven't been on the course they have been at Maryville Middle School for practice indoors.

"They've been out on the course, but when it comes to really working on the game you have to get on the range," Ricks said. "They were out when it was 38 degrees with a wind chill in the teens. They wanted

to come out and play and they did, four of them finished nine holes ... The thing that I see is that everyone just wants to play golf."

The 'Hounds will hold their first qualifying match in the Hound Challenge Monday and Tuesday night. Maryville's first regular season match will be at 4 p.m. March 26 in Smithville, Mo. against Smithville and Savannah.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Emily Churchman



Emily returned from the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track Championship meet last weekend with All-American honors and an eighth place in the pentathlon. She set personal bests in four of her five events and totaled 3,504 points. She also tied for third in the long-jump. She is the first woman to place at National Indoor Track since 2005.

Tyler Shaw

Tyler Shaw broke the 60 meter hurdles program record for the second time last weekend. His time of 8.06 beat his old time by .03 seconds and was good enough for second place in the NCAA Division II National Championships. Shaw also returned to Maryville as an All-American after just his freshman season.



Megan Walker scored 12 points in the Spoofhounds' double overtime loss to Skyline in the quarterfinal round of the state tournament. Walker was a force for the 'Hounds all season long in the paint. Maryville lost 56-54 to Skyline. Walker gave the 'Hounds their first lead of the game when she was fouled early in the third.

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Gadbois was the second leading scorer for the Spoofhounds against Lawson with 10 points in the 51-42 victory. In the quarterfinal loss to defending state champion Skyline, Gadbois did all the little things not seen on a box score. She scored just two points, but helped slow down Skyline's post players and their all-state guard Maci Wisdom, in addition to controlling the glass.

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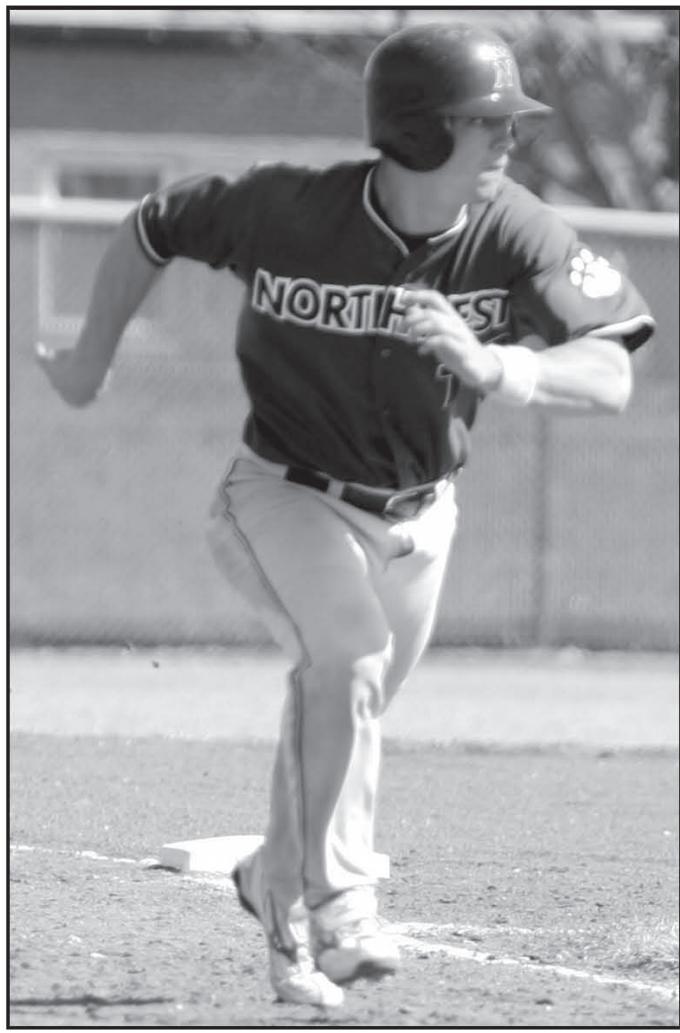


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SOFTBALL

Bearcats overcome early struggles to knock off No. 17 Wayne St. Wildcats

By A.J. Martin
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcat softball team will tangle with arch rival Missouri Western on Friday, after splitting games with Wayne State College (Neb.) Tuesday.

Wayne State took the early 2-0 lead in the third inning after centerfielder Amy Sandstrom belted a two-run homerun. The 'Cats clawed their way back from a 2-0 deficit when

senior Tiffany Carter drove in two runs with a double in the top of the sixth inning.

After a 1-2-3 inning for pitcher Cola Krueger, the stage was set for freshman Jennifer Bohle as she drove in the winning run with a single to right to defeat the 17th ranked Wildcats by a score of 3-2. Krueger earned her fourth win of the year by going all seven innings and only allowing two runs. She also struck out

three, which brings her career total to 317.

However in the night game the 'Cats were not as lucky, dropping a close one by a score of 1-0.

Tiffany Carter leads the team in home runs (4), RBIs (26), and also batting average (.361). She hopes her success at the plate can translate to more success for her team.

"It is obviously important that I get production at the

plate considering where I am in the order," Carter said.

Tomorrow, the 'Cats turn their attention to Missouri Western. Western has been on quite a hot streak, winning their last 14 games dating back to Feb. 20. Coach Ryan Anderson feels it is important to get these victories tomorrow as they battle the Griffons in a double header.

"The bottom line is we have got to get solid produc-

tion from our lower part of the order if we are going to beat Missouri Western or anybody else for that matter," Anderson said.

The games tomorrow will be at 3 and 5 p.m. The 'Cats will also be participating in the MWSU Ramada Inn Tournament, with their first game at 10 a.m. against Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.) and their second game getting started at noon against Upper Iowa University.

Walk-off single gives 'Cats the win

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In the bottom of the 10th inning, Northwest catcher Kreed Kurtz found a pitch he liked and hit a walk-off single to give the Bearcats an 8-7 win over Nebraska-Kearney Tuesday night.

Jon Henne Jr. got on base with a single to start the 10th, and coach Northwest Darin Loe subbed Tim Avants for Henne as the pinch-runner.

After a Brandon Kirsch sacrifice bunt moved Avants to second, Avants stole third to set up the game-winning situation, and Kurtz ended the Bearcats' second extra-inning game in three days victoriously.

The win avenged a four-game, two-day series against Central Missouri in which the 'Cats dropped three games, two by one run each.

Heading into the Nebraska-Kearney game, fatigue seemed like it may play a role as Northwest just finished a pair of double-headers in a tough series with Central.

The 'Cats didn't come

out particularly strong. They fell behind 7-4 through six innings despite a three-run third that featured a Jared Ersperer one-run homer.

However, after failing to produce runs late in games during the Central series, the 'Cats sticks came alive in the final four innings against Nebraska-Kearney, as they came back from a three-run deficit.

Both of Kurtz's hits came during his final two at-bats.

"I was just trying to bat-tle," Kurtz said. "I was kind of going deep in counts, getting two strikes and just trying to fight them off and find a ball here and there."

Weather-related delays condensed the Central series to four games over a two-day period. The 'Cats and Mules split the first day's games in a pair of one-run games.

The first game was scheduled as a seven-inning game, but a pitching duel forced the game to 11 innings where Central escaped with a 3-2 decision.

Northwest only managed four hits in that game,

but Bret Harvel matched the Mules' pitching staff as he went 6.2 innings and only allowed one earned run on three hits, while striking out five.

In Sunday's second game, Trevor Conner sent one out of the park in the third inning with the bases loaded to give the 'Cats all the points they would need to pick up the win. They won that game 4-3.

Northwest's sticks came alive early in both of Monday's games, but couldn't find their mark late in the game.

They produced a combined 10 runs during the first three innings of Monday's double-header, but managed just two runs in the remaining 10 innings.

A combined seven errors also plagued the 'Cats' Monday double-header.

In game one, they committed four errors but still found themselves tied 5-5 heading into the final inning. They lost that game 6-5.

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SEASON BASEBALL STATS

Northwest	Opponents
161	HITS 179
99	RUNS 116
5.4	ERA 3.84
.258	BATTING AVE. .283
13	HOME RUNS 24
42	ERRORS 37
87	RBIs 105
.328	ON BASE % .355
151	STRIKEOUTS 104

MEN'S GAME LEADERS

Batting Average Doubles

- 1.) .381-Jared Ersperer 1.) 6-Jared Ersperer
- 2.) .338-Trevor Conner 2.) 4-Trevor Conner
- 3.) .310-Matt Stice 3.) 3-three tied

ERA Stolen Bases

- 1.) 3.07-Trevor Theisman 1.) 7-Matt Stice
- 2.) 3.23-Bret Harvel 2.) 3-Trevor Conner
- 3.) 3.72-Trent Kohlstaedt 3.) 2-four tied

HOME RUNS Runs

- 1.) 3-Bill Disselhoff 1.) 12-Jared Ersperer
- Nick Pfeiffer and Kreed Jurtz
- Brandon Kirsch 3.) 11 Trevor Conner

WOMEN'S STATISTICS

Northwest	Opponents
171	HITS 205
98	RUNS 124
4.33	ERA 2.75
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14	HOME RUNS 26
36	ERRORS 28
89	RBIs 112
.334	ON BASE % .361
109	STRIKEOUTS 72

WOMEN'S GAME LEADERS

Batting Average Home Runs

- 1.) .361 - Tiffany Carter 1.) 4 - Tiffany Carter
- 2.) .341 - Casey Carter 2.) 3 - Sarah Saladino and Jennifer Bohle
- 3.) .300 - Erin Leslie

ERA Runs

- 1.) 13 - Jennifer Bohle 1.) 19 - Erin Leslie
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